[Mr. S. Parameswara Iyer.]

(*b*) How many Roman Catholic Christians, Ezhavas and Mahomedans are holding offices in the Revenue Department at present?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The information required by the member is given below:—

Name of community.	*Permanent.*	*Acting.*	*Total.*
Brahmins ...	4	29	33
Nayars ...	12	123	135
Catholic Christians ...	1	4	5
Other Christians ...	2	11	13
Ezhavas ...	1	5	6
Mahomedans ...	...	6	6
Total.....	20	178	198

(*b*) The information required by the member is given below:—

Name of community,	*No. of appointments.*
Catholic Christians ...	21
Ezhavas ...	17
Mahomedans ...	18
Total... ...	56

Information re. certain Excise Officers.

364. MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Eraniel* cum *Vilavankod*): With regard to the following subordinates of the Excise Department, *viz.*,

1. P. N. Nilakanta Pillai
2. E. Gomez
3. P. K. Narayana Pillai
4. N. K. Gopalan Nair.
5. C. N. D'Lemos
6. K. Kesavan
7. K. Madhavan
8. E. A. Padmanabhan
9. M. Velayudha Panikkar

will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the office held and service put in by each of these persons at the time of the reorganisation of the Excise Department;

(*b*) the examination qualification of each of them;

(*c*) the special qualification of each of them on appointment as Sub-Inspector;

(*d*) whether there were other persons in the department who had put in longer service and had better qualifications, experience and ability than these; and

(*e*) the reason for not appointing such persons?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*), (*b*) and (*c*). A statement* giving the information required by the member is laid on the table.

* *Vide* appendix V—page 1213.

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(*d*) and (*e*) There were men of longer service in the department, but the Excise Commissioner reports that all those who were fit to be appointed as Sub-Inspectors were so appointed by him and that those who were denied promotion were men who were either physically unfit, wanting in educational qualification or unwilling to go out as Sub-Inspectors. Government have examined the papers relating to these appointments and have found no reasons for interfering with the action taken by the Excise Commissioner.

Circuit work of certain Officers.

365. MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of days the Director of Agriculture, the Director of Industries, the Darbar Physician, and the Revenue, Police and Excise Commissioners have been on circuit, during the six months ending Vrischikam, 1099;

(*b*) the number of days in which halts were made and the number of institutions inspected by each officer in each station; and

(*c*) the travelling allowance drawn by each officer during this period?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Government do not propose to call for the information, as the time and labour involved in its collection are, in their opinion, out of proportion to its utility.

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): Is it not possible to get the information from the diaries of the officers in the Huzur Cutcherry and the Account Office? Cannot this information be easily obtained by examining those diaries?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): That is not easy.

Mr. W. J. Cleur, Customs House Inspector, Alleppey.

366. MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): (*a*) Are the Government aware of the fact that First Grade Inspector Mr. W. J. Cleur is a native of Alleppey, that he is a cousin of the present Excise Commissioner, and that he was put in charge of the Alleppey Customs House, soon after Mr. Van Ross was appointed Excise Commissioner, and that he continues there still?

(*b*) Will the Government be pleased to state the special reasons, if any, for retaining Mr. Cleur for such a long period in that institution?

(*c*) Are the Government aware of the many complaints against Mr. Cleur from the merchants and others of Alleppey and other places? If they are not aware, will they be pleased to make enquiries?

(*d*) Are the Government aware that the late Excise Commissioner Mr. N. Raman Pillai, recorded his opinion and reported to the Government that Mr. Cleur was unfit to be in charge of a Customs House, and that he was reduced by one step for some official irregularities committed by him while he was in charge of the Quilon Port Salt Depot?

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Appendix V.

Vide Answer to Question No. 364.

Number.	Names.	(a) Office in which they were employed at the time of the reorganisation.	Service at the time of the reorganisation.			(b) Examination qualification.	(c) Special qualification.
			Years.	Months.	Days.		
1	P. N. Nilakanta Pillai	Clerk, Excise Commissioner's Office on Rs. 25 and acting on Rs. 30.	7	9	23	S. S. L. C.	..
2	E. Gomez	Temporary 4th grade Inspector on Rs. 25+14½, Kottayam.	6	5	..	Knows English.	He was acting as an Inspector at the time of the reorganisation.
3	P. K. Narayana Pillai	Clerk, Excise Commissioner's Office, on Rs. 20 and acting on Rs. 25.	5	9	3	S. S. L. C.	..
4	N. K. Gopalan Nair	Clerk, Circle Office, Arukutty, on Rs. 20.	7	2	10	Do.	..
5	K. Kesavan	Clerk, Government Press, on Rs. 15.	21	..	..	Knows English.	..
6	C. N. De'Lemos	Clerk, Circle Office, Kottayam, on Rs. 20.	1	11	..	Exempted from the examination qualification.	Had military service in Mesopotamia.
7	K. Madhavan	Acting clerk, Excise Commissioner's Office, on Rs. 20.	1	3	16	S. S. L. C.	..
8	K. A. Padmanabhan	Acting Clerk, Circle Office, Piravam, on Rs. 15.	1	2	22	Do.	..
9	M. Velayudha Panikkar	Acting Clerk, Excise Commissioner's Office, on Rs. 20.	0	8	6	Do.	..